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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food & Drug Administration
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Re: Docket #98N-1038
Irradiation in the production, processing
and handling of food.

It is completely disrespectful to impose irradiation on people who do not want it. As consumers, we demand the FDA to adhere to prominent labeling of the use of the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" and the use of the Radura Symbol.

We believe the proposed alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and should not be used. The absence of a statement would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer.

It is our belief that the above labeling be used indefinitely, as long as products are being irradiated.

Thank You,

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